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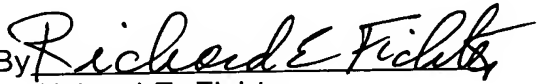
Applicant is submitting herewith an English translation of the application which includes an Abstract of the Disclosure. Applicant has amended the claims by canceling claims 1-14 and adding new claims 15-36.

Applicant is submitting herewith a copy of the Search Report which issued on International Application No. PCT/JP03/01015, of which the present application is the U.S. national phase. All of the publications cited in the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is Applicants' understanding that, under the procedures of the PCT, copies of the cited publications will have been supplied to the U.S. Patent Office by the International Bureau. However, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if additional copies are necessary or would facilitate examination of the present application.

Otherwise, the Examiner is respectfully requested to return an initialed and dated copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 to confirm that all publications listed thereon have been considered and made officially of record in the file of this application.

In view of the above amendments, an early action on the application is now in order and is most respectfully requested.

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